

House Resolution No. 3997

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding young Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself through achievement in the Royal Ranger program; and

Whereas, Michael Anthony Howerton of Royal Ranger Troop 107 in Bolivar, Missouri, will most deservedly receive the prestigious Gold Medal of Achievement during an appropriate ceremony to be held September 28, 2003, at the First Assembly of God Church in Bolivar; and

Whereas, more than thirty years ago the Assemblies of God developed the Royal Rangers, a program of ministry to men and boys who are trained in the practical applications of Godly principles for living in order to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ; and

Whereas, a Royal Ranger is alert, clean, honest, courageous, loyal, courteous, obedient, and spiritual, and must live his life in accordance with the Royal Ranger Motto that is to always be "Ready" for anything that might come his way, including work, play, serve, obey, and worship; and

Whereas, during his four years in the Ranger program, Michael Howerton earned an impressive thirty advanced merit awards, attained membership in the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship, and participated in the Southern Missouri District Powwow, the Royal Ranger Advancement Academy, and Junior Leadership Training Camp; and

Whereas, Michael Howerton compiled an enviable list of service to his Troop through the many leadership positions he held, including Assistant Patrol Guide and Patrol Guide; and

Whereas, a remarkable young man who greatly enjoys reading, computers, and playing Nintendo, Michael Howerton has been blessed with the love and support of his proud parents, David and Melody Howerton of Bolivar; his three siblings, Lance, Matthew, and Heather; and his pet cockatiel, Gabriel:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Michael Howerton upon his most worthy receipt of the Gold Medal of Achievement, and in wishing him only the very best as he continues to uphold the high standards of the Royal Ranger program with both honor and decorum; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Royal Ranger Michael Anthony Howerton.

Offered by _____
Representative Ronnie Miller
District No. 133

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3997, adopted September 9, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker